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ARREST RELATED TO RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

RIVERSIDE, CA – In February, 2014, several nighttime residential burglaries occurred at homes in the Canyon Crest area of the City of Riverside. Surveillance footage of one of the suspects using the victims' credit cards was previously released to the media and posted on the department's Facebook page. Earlier this week the case agent, Detective Merrill, received information from an anonymous caller identifying the suspect. The suspect in the surveillance footage had at least one very distinctive tattoo, which matches a tattoo on the suspect. On April 17, 2014 at about 7am, Riverside PD personnel served a search warrant in the 8800 block of Penny in the City of Riverside with the assistance of the Metro Team (SWAT).

Detective Merrill recovered some Methamphetamine during the search warrant but did not find any of the victims' stolen property. Hector Albert Ramirez, a 29 year old Riverside resident, was interviewed and booked into the jail for possession of stolen property (496 PC), two counts of unauthorized use of an access card (484g PC), two counts of commercial burglary (459 PC), possession of Methamphetamine (113377 H&S), and probation violation (1203.2 PC).

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Detectives Merrill or Putnam.

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Hector Albert Ramirez